

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to response filed on 15 September 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13 and 15-26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment and response filed September 15, 2005 has been entered and considered.
2. Claims 1-13, 15-26 are pending and presented for examination. Claims 1, 8, 15, 20, and 21 have been amended, claim 14 has been canceled.
3. The Information Disclosure Statement, PTO form 1449, filed September 20, 2005 has been considered. All of the references stated on the IDS were cited by the Examiner in the Office Action dated June 8, 2005.

Response to Amendment

4. The objection made to the drawings is withdrawn in light of the submission of new/replacement drawings on October 27, 2005.
5. The rejection of claims 8, 15, 20, and 21 under 35 USC §112, 2nd paragraph, is withdrawn in light of the amendments made to the claims.
6. The rejection of claims 1-26 under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Ribarich et al. (USPN 6,771,029) in view of Satyanarayana et al. (USPN 5,909,429) further in view of Ranganath et al. (USPN 5,471,119)/Kryzanowski et al. (USPN 6,792,323)/Kazanov et al. (USPN 6,836,080)/Szuba (USPN 5,381,078) is withdrawn in light of Applicant's remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 1-13 and 15-26 are allowed. The claims are renumbered 1-25.
8. As allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicant's reply must either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with. See 37 CFR 1.111(b) and MPEP § 707.07(a).

Conclusion

9. The prior art to Szuba, USPN 5,381,078, was relied upon in the rejection of originally filed claims 14 and 16. But the reference was inadvertently left off of the PTO form 892. A form PTO-892 is included citing the Szuba reference.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheela Rao whose telephone number is (571) 272-3751. The examiner can normally be reached Monday - Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo Picard, can be reached on (571) 272-3749. The fax number for the organization where this application or any proceeding papers is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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